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For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR
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INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Final Office Action dated June 22, 2005, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 9 of this paper.